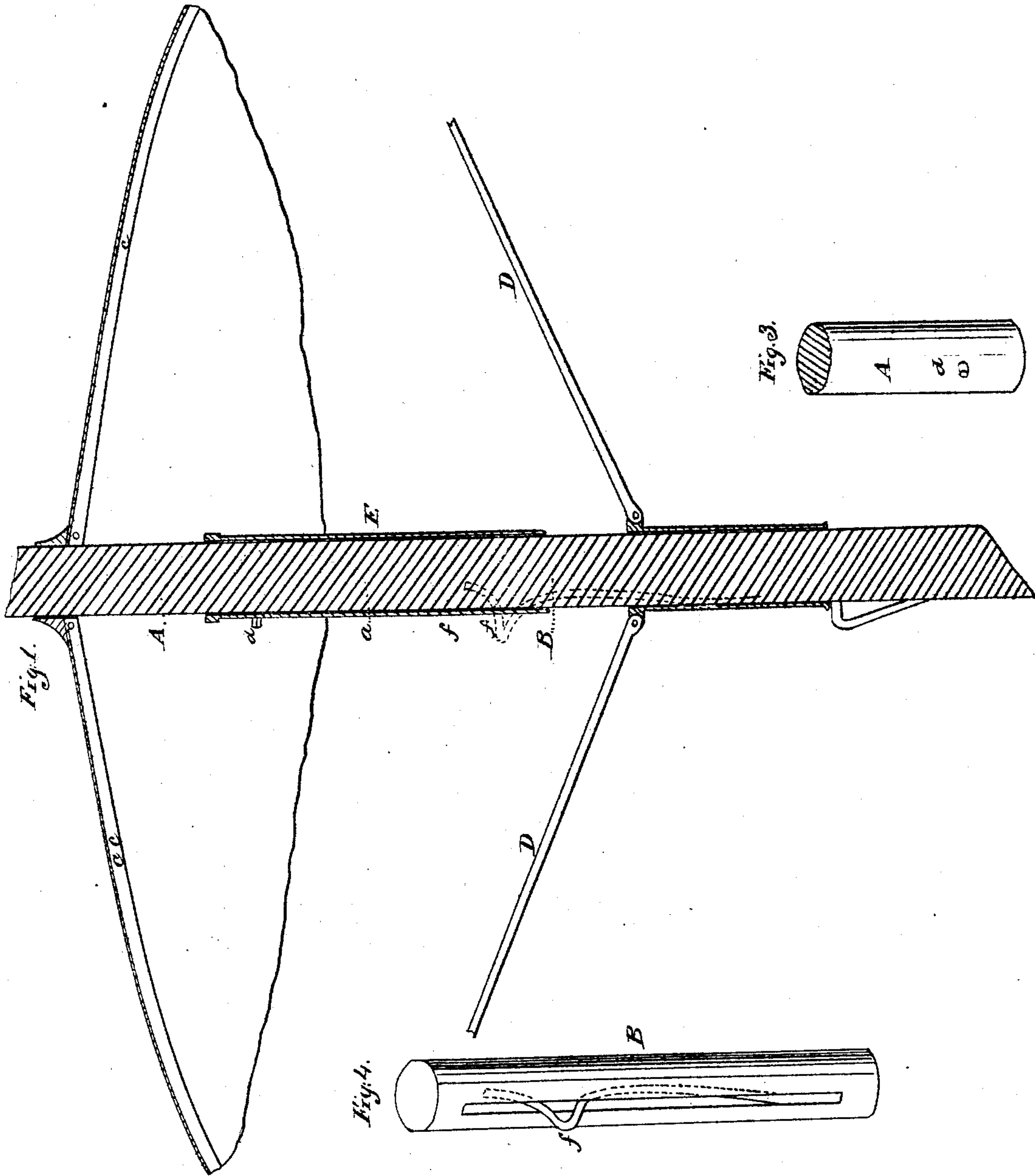


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IMPROVEMENT IN UMBRELLAS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. LEGO, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Umbrellas; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a central section of an umbrella embodying my improvement, and in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, detached views to illustrate its operation.

My invention is designed to enable the owner of the umbrella to leave it in such a disjointed condition as shall make it useless to that class of individuals who consider umbrellas to be common property; and it consists in making the handle in two lengths, the two parts united by a sleeve whenever it is desired to spread the umbrella, and so that the said sleeve may be removed from the staff, and when so removed the umbrella is useless.

To enable others skilled in the art to construct and use my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the upper, and B the lower, part of the

staff, divided at *a*. The ribs C are attached to the upper part and the braces D to the lower part in the usual manner. Upon the upper part is fixed a pin, *d*, and into the lower part a spring-catch, *f*. (See Figs. 3 and 4.)

E is a sleeve (see Fig. 2) formed with a bayonet-notch, I, which slips onto the upper part of the staff and locks onto the pin *d*. The lower part of the staff is then inserted through the runner into the sleeve E, as seen in Fig. 1, the spring-catch *f* locking into a notch, L, in the sleeve E. This receives the staff, so that for all practical purposes it is as a staff in one piece.

When the owner desires to leave his umbrella he has but to remove the sleeve E by first depressing the spring-catch *f* to withdraw the lower part of the staff, then remove the sleeve from the upper part, taking with him the said sleeve. His umbrella is useless to others.

Having therefore thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An umbrella having the handle in two sections, connected by a sleeve and attachment, substantially as described.

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